



We're proud of our new bank.

Anyone who's been in our new bank building at 105 Main St in Romsey will know why we're all so proud of it. It's been built to the design of Bendigo's "Bank of the Future" concept, so it's modern and convenient for both customers and our staff.

The new branch is the culmination of a project which began when our company, Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd purchased the old produce store site in May 2010, on behalf of our shareholders.

Our vision was to build a modern, expansive bank right in the heart of the Romsey CBD, to secure our long-term future in the town.

The priority for our project was to "bank-proof" Romsey for future generations, and we've achieved that. Our secondary aim was to add to the business and commercial options in the main shopping area, and we're now assessing options to best achieve this.

Our **Community Bank**[®] company Chair, Tim McCarthy said the opening of our new branch was a very exciting time in the history of the **Community Bank**[®] model in our region, and further demonstrated our commitment to ensuring that the model has an enduring role in the future of Romsey.

There was a lot of interest from the community as we all watched the building going up in recent months, and everyone was excited when we completed the move from across the road and opened our doors for business on 20 January.

Tim points out that the new branch is more convenient, comfortable and efficient for customers and staff as we had outgrown our old branch building, where we first opened our doors in August 2005.

Manager Rod Browning and our Customer Support Officers are able to deal face-to-face with customers in the main chamber of the new branch, or go to offices for more privacy when required.

Our two branches today provide full banking services in Romsey and Lancefield, open from 9.00am to 5.00pm weekdays, including during lunch and open on Saturday mornings.



We serve up an ace for the tennis club.

Dysfunctional and out of date – that was how members described the old clubhouse of the Lancefield netball and tennis clubs before they received a grant from our **Community Bank**[®] branch.

The \$10,000 grant was announced last October, and club members have been busy since then turning the dollars into development as part of a total makeover.

The old clubrooms didn't even have hot water – now they've got a dishwasher!

There's a fully installed kitchen and new windows and doors so both clubs have access on both sides.

It's an excellent example of our money – your money – at work. Because the more money our customers put through our **Community Bank**[®] branch, the more we have available for community grants and sponsorships.

We have put \$730,000 back into the community over the past 13 years, and have a further \$170,000 on the table for upcoming projects through a 'futures fund'.

The distribution is the financial return on local residents and businesses conducting their banking with our branches.

In last October's allocation, some 54 clubs, community groups and a range of other organisations around the district shared in \$142,755 in grants and sponsorships through our Community Investment Program.

A key recipient was the Lancefield Mechanics Hall Committee which received a \$40,000 grant to help realise key components of their master plan.

With other grants, the Romsey Mechanics Institute has nearly

finished repairing the stage in its hall ready for the year ahead.

The Lancefield Golf club is currently upgrading its facilities with a much-needed renovation.

The Lancefield Fire Brigade has a new pump trailer built using a **Community Bank**[®] branch grant, and brigades across the region now have access to the latest in thermal imaging technology, with a new \$14,000 camera provided by our **Community Bank**[®] branch.

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Thermal imaging camera for the community.



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Cemetery gets a new lease of life

There was nowhere to spend a penny at the Lancefield Cemetery before our Bank put its hand in its pocket. Thanks to lots of pennies - \$10,000 worth – the Cemetery now has a toilet block, and people can visit in comfort and convenience.



Community grants.

Community grants under \$5,000	Funded
Lancefield Men's Shed – tradesmen trailer to transport tools to schools	\$4,000.00
Lancefield Golf Club – updating clubhouse facilities	\$2,500.00
Christ Church Anglican Church – upgrade and refurbishment	\$2,000.00
Romsey Golf Club – safety and security upgrade	\$1,600.00
Romsey Mechanics Institute – replace stage	\$1,500.00
Romsey Play Connect – Autism Light It Up Blue Project – creating awareness of autism in our community	\$1,500.00
Lancefield Motorcycle Run & Lancefield Neighborhood House – maintenance on BBQ	\$1,400.00
Macedon Ranges Lodge 97 – marquee purchase	\$1,000.00
St. Mary's Catholic Church Lancefield-Romsey – Instantaneous hot water system	\$750.00
Lancefield Country Women's Association – hall fees	\$650.00
Romsey CWA – make chef aprons and hats, sheets, table cloths for Romsey Kinder and trauma teddies	\$500.00
Australian Red Cross – Lancefield Branch – Centenary lunch	\$250.00
Romsey Playgroup Inc. – membership support for group	\$750.00
Romsey - Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxiliary	\$1,000
Community grants over \$5,000	
CFA Thermal Imaging Camera	\$14,000
CFA Grants to Romsey, Lancefield, Hesket, Benloch, Nulla Vale, Clarkfield, Springfield and Bolinda Monegeetta	\$8,000
Lancefield Mechanics Institute – Major boost to the Master Plan, Upgrading entrance of hall, Total kitchen refurbishment, redevelopment of annex area	\$40,000.00
Lancefield Tennis & Netball Clubs – Pavillion upgrade Stage 1 of plan	\$10,000.00
Total	\$98,400.00

Sponsorships.

\$9,000 towards helping our children.

Total sporting and event sponsorships \$39,255.

School sponsorships

- Romsey Primary School - You can Do it Program
- Lancefield Primary School - Kids Matter Program
- St Mary's Primary School - You can Do it Program

Sporting sponsorships

- Lancefield Junior Football Netball Club
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- Lancefield Golf Club
- Romsey Sporting Association
- Lancefield Cricket Club
- Romsey Bowling Club
- Lancefield Football Netball Club
- Romsey Lancefield Girl Guides
- Lancefield Romsey Little Athletics
- Romsey Cricket Club
- Lancefield Equestrian Group
- Romsey Kennel Club
- Lancefield Bowling Club
- Romsey Football Netball Club
- Lancefield & District Pony Club
- Romsey Golf Club
- Lancefield Kennel Club

Event sponsorships

- RRBATA – Annual Business Breakfast
- Lancefield Agricultural Society – Lancefield Show
- GRAAP – Grand Community Picnic
- Lancefield Macedon Ranges Relay for Life Event
- Romsey Play Connect – Light it Up Blue Event
- Macedon Ranges Vignerons Ass. – Wine dinner
- Lancefield Neighbourhood House – Christmas Carols Evening in the Park
- St Mary's Primary School – Movie Night
- Romsey Community Hub & Play Connect – Mental Health Expo





AUSKICK YOUNGSTERS ARE ON THE (TOW)BALL

The Lancefield **Community Bank**[®] Branch has enabled Lancefield Auskick to buy an equipment trailer. It's quick and easy to pack things away, so the trailer means that parents and coaches can spend more time working on helping the young players develop.



Our Bank gives athletes a sporting chance

The Romsey community is proud of its oval and sporting facilities. So is our Bank, and we're proud to be associated with the Bendigo Bank Oval. Our major sponsorship through the Romsey Sporting Association is helping junior and senior tennis, football, netball, cricket and bowls. Game, set and match!

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